natural plague bacterium but one mutated in some germ warfare laboratory;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a fortnight after the outbreak of the plague in Surat, "The Week" magazine had reported that it was a result of biological warfare experiments conducted by the United States which has been confirmed by American, French and Russian scientists and endorsed by experts in the Indian Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Laboratory analysis has revealed that the plague isolates from Surat are different from old Indian isolates and do not bear similarity with representative strains examined from various geographical regions of world.

(b) and (c) Such a report appeared in "The Week'. There is no authentic information in this regard.

Expansion programme of Khadi and Village Industries

1711. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to generate additional employment through various expansion programmes of Khadi' and Village Industries;

(b) if so, the details of the programme drawn up by the Government in that regard for Eighth and Ninth Plan;

(c) the details of funds earmarked for Khadi and Village Industries Commission for the purpose; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Apart from normal programme of Implementation of Khadi (Cotton, Woollen, Silk and muslin) and 96 village industries, KVIC has designed scheme to provide additional employment through special projects, District Special programme; 125 Block programmes. Under district special employment programme 50 districts are to be covered during 8th plan under which it is expected to provide employment to 10,000 persons in each district. 16 districts have been selected for launching the programme and implementation has already started in 14 districts. Under the 125 block employment programme it is expected to provide employment to 1000 persons in each block. This programme has already been started in 122 RPDS blocks. The total employment under 125 block programme is estimated to be 1.25 lakhs by the end of 8th plan and under district programme the expected employment opportunities would be 5 lakhs during the same period.

(c) and (d) For the year 1995-96 in addition to normal budget allocation to KHADI & VILLAGE INDUSTRIES COMMISSION, Government of India has allocated Rs. 130.00 Crores under rural employment generation programme for implementation of the recommendation of the High Power Committee. Out of this Government has already released Rs. 65.00 crores.

Expert Committee to tackle Malaria

1712. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted any Expert Committee to tackle malaria;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ICMR has obtained any new drugs to tackle malaria; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) An Expert Committee on Malaria was constituted during December, 1994 which gave its report in January, 1995. The Committee have, interalia, suggested different approaches for tackling Malaria in endemic and high risk areas. These have been provided to the State Governments.

(c) and (d) No new drug has been obtained. However, the Malaria Research Centre (MRC) under the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is engaged in evaluating the efficacy of antimalarial drugs which are developed by various Research Institutes/Agencies like Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) etc.

इलैक्ट्रॉनिक टाइपराइटरों का निर्माण

1713. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश में कौन-कौन सी कंपनियां इलैक्ट्रॉनिक द्विभाषी टाइपराइटर बना रही है तथा उन कंपनियों की वर्ष-वार क्षमता कितनी है,

(ख) क्या अंग्रेजी के समान केवल हिंदी में भी इलैक्ट्रॉनिक टाइपराइटर उपलब्ध है, और

(ग) यदि हां, तो किन-किन कंपनियों द्वारा उनका निर्माण हो रहा है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही): (क) देश में इस समय जिन कंपनियों द्वारा इलैक्ट्रॉनिक टाइपराइटरों (द्विभाषी सहित) का विनिर्माण किए जानी की सूचना है, उनके नाम और वार्षिक क्षमता नीचे दी गयी है:-

(i) मैं. गोदरेज एंड बॉयस मैनुफैक्चरिंग कं. लिमिटेड

वार्षिक क्षमता :50,00 नग

(ii) मैं, नेटवर्क लिमिटेड

वार्षिक क्षमता : 25,000 नग

(iii) मैं. मोदी बिजनेस मशीन्स लिमिटेड

वार्षिक क्षमता: 15,000 नग

(ख) और (ग) जी, नहीं। कोई भी कंपनी अंग्रेजी की भांति केवल हिंदी में ही इलैक्ट्रोनिक टाइपराइटरों का विनिर्माण नहीं कर रहा है, क्योंकि इस प्रकार के इलैक्ट्रोनिक टाइपराइटर की पर्याप्त मांग नहीं है।

Functioning of Nuclear Reactor

1714. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether nuclear power reactors are functioning at different places of country;

(b) if so, the locations State and Territory-wise with power being produced by each;

(c) whether such nuclear power reactors have capacity power utilisation;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether in order to achieve full production capacity, commissioning of these projects is being delayed;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor;

(g) the per unit cost incurred on production of electricity in these nuclear reactors; and

(h) the cost incurred on production of electricity from other sources like Hydro-electric, Thermal, Solar, Wind-energy and Sea energy.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and